

Regulatory Division
North Permits Branch
SAJ-2003-10496-IP-EPS
MODIFICATION #4

Santa Rosa County
c/o Roger Blaylock
6051 Old Bagdad Highway, #300
Milton, FL 32583

Dear Mr. Blaylock:

Reference is made to Department of the Army (DA) permit SAJ-2003-10496-IP-EPS, issued on October 13, 2005, authorizing the dredging and placement of approximately 2.4 million cubic yards of sand on Navarre Beach, Santa Rosa County, Florida.

On July 5, 2006, the DA permit was modified to suspend all hopper dredging until October 1, 2006, due to the take of four threatened and endangered sea turtles. Subsequently, you informed us that a gap of approximately 2240 linear feet, from Florida DNR Monument R-205.5 to Monument R-207.5 remained. In accordance with 33 CFR 325.7(a), the District Engineer (DE) has reviewed the information you have submitted, and the DE has determined that permit modification is needed to address the gap. The permit is, hereby, modified in accordance with the following special condition, which is incorporated in, and made part of the DA permit:

Special Condition (17): Hopper dredging for 10 days from the date of this modification is authorized in order to allow the placement of sand in the aforementioned gap only in the form of a protective dune feature with a minimal lower berm. The dredge shall be preceded in the borrow area by two (2) sea turtle relocation trawlers which will operate as close to the dredge as safety and sea state conditions allow. The dredge will submit daily Silent Inspector (SI) data to the Jacksonville District Office no later than 0900 for the 10 days of hopper dredging authorized herein. If the daily SI data is not received, all hopper dredging will be immediately suspended.

You should attach this letter to the DA permit. All other conditions, except Special Condition #16 for duration of this 10-day extension, remain in full force and effect.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. If you have any questions concerning the permit modification, please contact Ron Silver, at 904-23-2502, or by electronic mail at ronald.h.silver@saj02.usace.army.mil

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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